

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A document printer includes an authenticity verifier for examining an electronic document to verify predetermined authentication information in the electronic document. The authentication information may be an electronic signature, or a digital watermark. The authenticity verifier may be included in the printer controller, and examines the authentication information of the document to verify that the document is unchanged from when it was transmitted by the source computer, and for authenticating the source of the document. If the authenticity verifier confirms the authentication information, the printer automatically performs one print function, such as printing the document with an authentication mark. If the authenticity verifier does not confirm the authentication information, the printer automatically performs a different print function, such as not printing the document, or printing the document with an authenticity warning.

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